

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives truly believe that volunteers at the local, state, and national levels of service enhance, deepen, and dignify the actions of governmental bodies which are charged with providing services in the efficient, effective manner mandated by the citizenry; and

Whereas, Regina Hellebusch has attained distinction as an OATS volunteer, an endeavor for which she was recognized on April 23 as the 2000 Volunteer of the Year in Warren County; and

Whereas, OATS volunteer Regina Hellebusch earned her recognition for her work as a rider who enjoys interacting with the drivers and other riders; and

Whereas, now officially known as OATS, Incorporated, the Older Adult Transportation Service is a private, not-for-profit company which was founded in 1971 by a group of volunteers who saw the need for senior transportation, especially in rural areas; and

Whereas, with service in urban areas restricted to seniors and the disabled, OATS transportation is available throughout the rural parts of the state of Missouri to the general public when beneficial and with priority service extended to senior citizens and persons with disabilities; and

Whereas, OATS in Missouri can trace its roots to a grant from the Missouri Office on Aging and technical assistance from the University of Missouri Extension Division which established the Cooperative Transportation Service to provide door-to-door transportation in eight mid-Missouri counties through the services of three vehicles, thirty-seven volunteers, and one general manager; and

Whereas, the Cooperative Transportation Service broadened in area and services until it was transformed in 1973 into the Older Adult Transportation Service, which changed its name to OATS in 1980 to better reflect the diversity of its riders:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Regina Hellebusch as 2000 Volunteer of the Year by the Warren County OATS Committee and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Regina Hellebusch.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Sutherland
District No. 99

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker